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The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—"In answer to clause (*d*) it is said '*the matter is reported to be sub-judice*'. May I know how is it that it has become *sub-judice* ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I want notice."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—"On what report is the information based ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"On the report submitted by the President of the District Board."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—"Did the report merely say that the matter is *sub-judice* without assigning reasons how it became *sub-judice* ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I want notice."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"In answer to (*d*), may I know whether the Government have got any information on the matter ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"He is asking for an information which I am not prepared to give."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Municipal Councils

Construction of a second bridge on Cauvery river.

1802 *Q.*—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Kumbakonam Municipality applied for a loan to construct a second bridge for the Cauvery ;

(*b*) whether the Government had received proposals for the same from the Superintending Engineer ;

(*c*) whether the loan was finally refused and, if so, what are the reasons for the same ; and

(*d*) whether the Government proposes to reconsider its decision and grant the loan as early as possible ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) & (*d*) The loan has not been finally refused.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS 12 AND 52.

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I have to inform the House that the following six gentlemen were nominated for election to the Select Committee to consider the amendments to Standing Orders 12 and 52 :—

(1) Mr. J. A. Saldanha
(2) Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar.
(3) Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai.
(4) Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.
(5) Rao Bahadur B. Munuswami Nayudu.
(6) Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur.

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"As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, six, I hereby declare the above-mentioned gentlemen to be duly elected under Regulation II (4) of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote. Regarding the person to be nominated by me, I shall do it at the beginning of the next session."

III

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1927-28.

GRANT XXIII.

* The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I move

'*that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs.* 49,200 *under* "*Grant XXIII—Civil Veterinary Services—Transferred*" *for the purchase of sera and vaccines required for the inoculation of cattle against rinderpest during* 1927-28.'

"Sir, rinderpest has been severe for some years in this Presidency and the ryots sustained great loss by the death of their cattle. The demand for anti-rinderpest serum in consequence has been abnormally heavy with the result that the cost of sera and vaccines has exceeded the budget allotment sanctioned for the purpose. Inoculation could not be stopped for want of budget provision and the department was permitted to indent on the Muktesar Laboratory for the necessary quantity of serum. The value of anti-rinderpest serum used so far amounts to Rs. 1,65,425 and it is estimated that an additional allotment of Rs. 88,000 will be required over the sanctioned appropriation. Excluding savings to the extent of Rs. 38,800 in the total grant for the department which will be utilized, an extra provision of Rs. 49,200 is required."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 49,200 under Grant XXIII."

* Dr B. S. MALLAYYA :—"I beg to propose

'*that the sum of Rs.* 49,200 *be reduced by Rs.* 100'

to consider the inadequacy of the measures taken by the Government in overcoming the epidemic of rinderpest in this Presidency. Sir, I heard the hon. Minister say that rinderpest is becoming rather an epidemic in recent years. I am afraid he means that during that period it spread, for rinderpest has been here ever since cattle began to exist in this Presidency. Sir, I have been carefully watching the operations of the Veterinary department and the one thing that struck me about those operations was that they had neither a system nor efficiency nor a fixed policy in undertaking these operations. Rinderpest in animals corresponds to smallpox in human beings. If by proper vaccination medical men are able to eliminate the outbreaks of smallpox among human beings, I don't see any reason why Government could not be able to eliminate rinderpest from this Presidency. Sir, it has been by these sympathetic methods that in Java, the Italians in Eritria and the South Africans, after they got independence, have eliminated rinderpest from their colonies. Of late you hear of such methods being adopted in Transvaal and even in Natal. Last year the total number of cattle lost in this Presidency was 23,000. Putting that at the rate of two rupees per head of cattle the total loss to the public of this Presidency is Rs. 4½ lakhs. The money proposed on this operation is only Rs. 49,000 and